

Marine Fisheries

Turtle Excluder Devices in The Atlantic Ocean (Permit to Waive The Requirement to Use)

What Activities Require This Permit? The use of shrimp trawls without turtle excluder devices (TEDs) in the Atlantic Ocean between Browns and Rich's Inlets from April through November. Tow times are substituted for TEDs due to heavy algae growth.

What Is The Purpose Of This Permit? To identify the commercial fishermen involved in shrimp trawl fishery so that the interactions of sea turtles with shrimp trawl gear can be monitored and observers can be dispatched to accompany them. Observer coverage is required by a National Marine Fisheries Service Permit and is usually provided by the division.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? No cost.

Where Can I Get An Application For This Permit? Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? The Permit is issued to qualified fishermen holding a Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License (RSCFL) immediately.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Permits are valid from July 1 through June 30, but are only effective during the harvest season established by proclamation.

Notes/Comments: Contact NCDMF Fisheries Management staff at the Wilmington Regional Office for details. The permit exempts the use of TEDs, but limits shrimp trawl tow times, requires reporting of sea turtle interactions, taking observers if asked, and other stipulations.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.1, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30 .0501, 30 .0502 and 30 .0503.

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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